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CAST:

THE DOCTOR
TEGAN
TURLOUGH
BULIC
VORSHAK
PRESTON
ICTHAR
SAUVIX
FIRST SILURIAN (COMPANION)
SECOND SILURIAN "

NON-SPEAKING:

SEA DEVIL WARRIORS
DEAD MARINES

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SETS:

Sea Base Composite:

Corridors
Bridge
Detention Area
Computer Bank Bay
Ventilation Shaft

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REPRISE THEN:

1. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(THE LEADING SEA WARRIOR INDICATES WITH HIS GUN THAT THEY SHOULD MOVE OFF.

THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN OBEY)

2. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(TWO SEA DEVILS
PACING ON GUARD
OUTSIDE A DOOR
TO A DETENTION
AREA.

NEW ANGLE TO SHOW
TURLOUGH'S FACE
WATCHING THEM
THROUGH AN INSPECTION
PLATE IN THE DOOR)

3. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. DETENTION AREA.

(TURLOUGH WATCHING
THE SEA DEVIL GUARDS
OUTSIDE.

BEHIND HIM BULIC.
THE AREA HAS A
FEW SEATS, A TABLE
AND A BED. ON
THE WALL A GRILLE
COVERING THE
VENTILATION SHAFT.

TURLOUGH TURNS
AWAY)

TURLOUGH: We've got to get out of here.

BULIC: Suppose we did. What then? Where could we go? Those Silurians all over the place.

TURLOUGH: The Tardis. We'd be safe there. (SEES THE GRILLE) What's that?

(BULIC FOLLOWS HIS
LOOK, THEN REACTS)

BULIC: The ventilation shaft!

4. INT. SEA VASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(THE DOCTOR, TEGAN AND GUARDS ENTER)

SECOND COMPANION COMES OUT OF THE COMPUTER BANK BAY)

SECOND COMPANION: The damage is assessed Icthar. The computer can be restored to normal functioning.

THE DOCTOR: Icthar!

TEGAN: You know him?

THE DOCTOR: Oh, yes.

ICTHAR: Who is in command here?

(VORSHAK STEPS FORWARD)

VORSHAK: I am the senior officer.

ICTHAR: You will remain. (TO SAUVIX) Confine the rest until our primary mission is completed.

(ABOUT TO MOVE AWAY WHEN THE DOCTOR STEPS OUT TO CONFRONT HIM.

SAUVIX AND THE SEA DEVILS RAISE THEIR WEAPONS MENACINGLY)

THE DOCTOR: You do not recognise me now but we are known to each other.

(ICTHAR STUDIES HIM)

ICTHAR: You are mistaken... Take him away.

THE DOCTOR: Wait... please! In an earlier regeneration you knew me as the Doctor.

(ICTHAR REACTS)

ICTHAR: The Doctor... The Time Lord of Gallifrey?

(THE DOCTOR NODS SERIOUSLY)

You can prove what you say?

THE DOCTOR: I know that you are Icthar, surviving leader of the noble Silurian Triad. We last met when I tried to mediate between you and the people of Earth.

ICTHAR: (BEAT) So, it is you, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: May we speak?

ICTHAR: Very well. (TO SAUVIX) The Doctor is a valued friend of our people. He will remain here with the Commander. Remove the others.

(TEGAN AND PRESTON ARE USHERED OUT BY SAUVIX AND TWO OF THE SEA DEVILS)

I will listen to what you have to say. But I should tell you that the Silurians have long since abandoned the way of mediation.

THE DOCTOR: So it seems... But why? A civilized race like yours, waging unprovoked war...

ICTHAR: Defensive war, Doctor. There is a distinction. Silurian law forbids any other.

THE DOCTOR: When we last met your supreme wish was to live in peace with the other inhabitants of the Planet. Why change such an enlightened policy now?

ICTHAR: Our policy has always been peaceful survival. All that has changed is the means by which it can be achieved.

THE DOCTOR: By actions such as those we've seen here?

ICTHAR: (HARD) You forget Doctor. Twice with your help we offered the hand of friendship to these ape descended primitives. And twice we were treacherously attacked, our people slaughtered. It will not happen again.

THE DOCTOR: There can be no alternative to co-existence. Surely you Silurians have wisdom enough to understand that.

ICTHAR: There is an alternative Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: How...by war? The people of Earth are well armed. They will resist. It will mean widescale death and destruction.

ICTHAR: But not for us. The only casualities will be the primitives. One and all they will be obliterated.

THE DOCTOR: Genocide? When everything you Silurians hold sacred forbids it?

ICTHAR: We are conditioned to act only within our laws Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Laws you now intend to cast aside it seems.

ICTHAR: We will harm no one. These primitives who inhabit the lands will destroy themselves. We Doctor, will merely provide the pretext.

(THE DOCTOR LOOKS OFF TO FIRST COMPANION AT WORK AT THE SYNCH CONSOLE AND SUDDENLY UNDERSTANDS)

THE DOCTOR: You'll start the war this base was designed to fight?

ICTHAR: (NODS) And these apes will die as they have lived: in a sea of their own blood.

5. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. DETENTION AREA.

(TURLOUGH HELD ALOFT BY BULIC WORKING ON THE GRILLE. IT'S BEGINNING TO COME ADRIFT FROM IT'S FASTENINGS.

THERE IS A NOISE OUTSIDE.

TURLOUGH IS DROPPED, AND STANDS INNOCENTLY NEXT TO BULIC.

A BEAT, AND A SEA DEVIL FACE APPEARS AT THE INSPECTION PLATE.

THE DOOR IS THROWN OPEN AND TEGAN AND PRESTON PUSHED INTO THE ROOM.

THE DOOR SLAMS BEHIND THEM)

TEGAN: You're alive.

TURLOUGH: And well. And trying to escape. (TO PRESTON) Keep watch.

(BULIC AND TURLOUGH MOVE BACK TO THE GRILLE)

6. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(DOOR TO THE COMPUTER BANK BAY OPENS AND SECOND COMPANION COMES OUT)

SECOND COMPANION: The computer circuitry is restored, and tested.

ICTHAR: We will speak again Doctor. You are welcome to stay, providing you do not interfere with our operation here.

(TURNS AND JOINS SECOND COMPANION AT THE MASTER CONSOLE)

Activate the Missile Data Banks.

SECOND COMPANION: We will need the Commander's hand scan for clearance.

VORSHAK: You'll get no help from me, Silurian.

(THE SEA DEVIL GUARD MOVES FORWARD TO MENACE VORSHAK)

ICTHAR: (HARD) Your hand scan Commander. I will not ask again.

VORSHAK: What will you do Silurian? Kill me? You intend to do that anyway.

ICTHAR: Doctor - we need to evaluate the data in the missile banks. Please convince this primitive to co-operate.

THE DOCTOR: I think you should do as he says Commander.

VORSHAK: No

ICTHAR: Kill him!

(THE SEA DEVILS RAISE THEIR WEAPONS TO FIRE.

THE DOCTOR MOVES TO PUT HIMSELF BETWEEN VORSHAK AND THE SEA DEVIL WEAPONS)

THE DOCTOR: No ... Wait!

(ICTHAR GESTURES FOR THE SEA DEVILS TO HOLD THEIR FIRE)

(TO VORSHAK) Do as he asks. Please.

(THE DOCTOR MOVES CLOSER)

(SOFT) Alive or dead they can still use your handscan. And while there's life there's also hope.

(VORSHAK LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR, THEN HE MOVES TO PLACE HIS HAND ON THE IMPRINT RECESS OF THE MASTER CONSOLE)

ICTHAR: Thank you Doctor.

(MOVES TO CONSOLE.

THE DOCTOR MOVES BACK TO JOIN VORSHAK.

ICTHAR AND SECOND COMPANION WORKING AT THE MASTER CONSOLE.

FIRST COMPANION STILL BUSY FIXING UP THE MANIPULATOR TO THE SYNCH CONSOLE)

THE DOCTOR: (LOW) How long before the next random firing sequence?

VORSHAK: It could happen at any moment. But don't worry. Those missiles will never leave their pads. Not without a synch operator to complete the firing sequence.

THE DOCTOR: (THINKING) Not so.

VORSHAK: You don't understand. A synch operator is our insurance against unauthorized launch. I tell you the missiles are safe.

(VORSHAK INDICATES
THE MANIPULATOR)

THE DOCTOR: If my guess is right, that little piece of Silurian gadgetry will more than make up for the lack of a synch operator.

7. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. DETENTION AREA.

(TURLOUGH TAKES
THE VENTILATION
GRILLE OUT OF
ITS POSITION
AND HANDS IT
DOWN TO TEGAN.

HE JUMPS FREE
OF BULIC'S HANDS.

ALL STARE AT
THE LARGISH
ENTRY INTO
THE VENTILATION
SHAFT BEYOND)

TEGAN: What now?

TURLOUGH: Back to the Tardis?

TEGAN: That won't do us much good without the Doctor.

BULIC: They've also got the Commander.

TURLOUGH: Do you think we can get them away?

BULIC: We have to try. You may return to the Tardis. I must go to the Bridge.

TEGAN: I'll come with you.

8. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(SECOND COMPANION
TURNS TO ICTHAR)

SECOND COMPANION: The missiles are re-targetted.

ICTHAR: Excellent.

(THE DOCTOR IS
STUDYING THE
SCREEN)

THE DOCTOR: You intend to explode the missiles in space?

ICTHAR: Yes.

THE DOCTOR: Launching those things will trigger off a holocaust!

VORSHAK: It would trigger a counter strike against our cities.

THE DOCTOR: Exactly. Your people will respond in kind. Back and forth, and so on until nothing is left.

ICTHAR: Only we Silurians will survive.

THE DOCTOR: Yes. Masters of a dead Planet.

ICTHAR: Not quite Doctor. Here in the ocean depths there is life. Silurian life. Millions of our kind waiting in deep hibernation. Once restored our civilization will flourish again.

9. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. VENTILATION SHAFT.

(TURLOUGH AND PRESTON COME TO THE END OF A SHAFT.

HERE THE SHAFT DROPS DOWN VERTICALLY TO THE LOWER LEVELS)

PRESTON: It's no good Turlough. We'd never survive the drop down to the next level.

TURLOUGH: How far to the Tardis?

PRESTON: Down all the way from here. We'll have to use the lifts or stairways.

TURLOUGH: Let's do that.

(THEY MOVE TO AN EXIT GRILLE AND START FREEING IT)

10. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. VENTILATION SHAFT.

(TEGAN AND BULIC
MOVING ALONG)

TEGAN: This isn't doing my knees or stockings any good at all, you know.

(BULIC SMILES)

BULIC: Nearly there.

11. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. SHAFT/CORRIDOR.

(TURLOUGH

DROPS DOWN INTO
THE CORRIDOR.

A SWIFT LOOK
ABOUT, AND HE
SIGNALS PRESTON
WHO CLIMBS DOWN
TO JOIN HIM)

PRESTON: The lift is not far from here.

(THEY MOVE OFF.

IN PASSING,
TURLOUGH BENDS
TO RETRIEVE A
WEAPON FROM A
DEAD COMBAT
MARINE)

12. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(AS BEFORE)

THE DOCTOR: What about me? Or am I also included in your final solution?

ICTHAR: We bear you no malice Doctor. We know your intentions have always been for the best.

ICTHAR: Once we are finished here you and your companions will be released.

THE DOCTOR: And the rest of these people?

ICTHAR: They will die. An act of mercy, since there will be nothing for them to return to ... Commander - you will please join me at the Master Console.

(VORSHAK HESITATES, THEN AT A NOD FROM THE DOCTOR HE GOES.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS ABOUT DESPERATELY WONDERING WHAT TO DO NEXT)

13. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. COMPUTER BANK.BAY.

(BULIC HELPS TEGAN
DOWN FROM THE
VENTILATION SHAFT.

BULIC CAUTIONS HER
TO BE QUIET AND OPENS
THE DOOR FRACTIONALLY.
HE PEERS THROUGH.

BULIC'S POV: THE
DOCTOR ON HIS OWN.

BY THE MASTER CONSOLE
ICTHAR , SECOND
COMPANION, AND VORSHAK.

FIRST COMPANION BY
THE SYNCH CONSOLE.

BY THE DOOR - TWO
SEA DEVILS)

BULIC: (WHISPERS) He's in there.

(TEGAN NODS)

14. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

ICTHAR: (TO VORSHAK) Initiate the test firing sequence.

(VORSHAK HESITATES
THEN LAYS HIS HAND
ON THE IMPRINT RECESS,

A STREAM OF DATA
FLOODS THE SCREEN.

THE DOCTOR
AWARE THE DOOR HAS
OPENED BEHIND HIM,
TURNS AND SEES
BULIC, WHO INDICATES
CAUTION.

THE DOCTOR CAREFULLY
CHECKS THE POSITIONS
OF THE SEA DEVIL
GUARDS.

HE NODS IMPERCEPTIBLY
AT BULIC WHO CLOSES
THE DOOR)

15. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. COMPUTER BANK BAY.

(BULIC AND TEGAN)

TEGAN: Did he see you?

BULIC: Yes ... And he'd better hurry, it can't be long before they discover we've gone.

16. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(AS BEFORE.

THE DOCTOR WORKS
HIS WAY INNOCENTLY
OVER TO THE EQUIPMENT
NEAR THE DOOR TO THE
COMPUTER BANK BAY.

A SEA DEVIL TURNS
TO WATCH HIM.

HE PRETENDS TO BE
ABSORBED IN THE
EQUIPMENT.

THEN, AS SOON AS
THE SEA DEVIL'S
EYES HAVE MOVED
ON, HE QUICKLY MOVES
THROUGH THE DOOR,
CLOSING IT SOFTLY
BEHIND HIM)

17. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. COMPUTER BANK BAY.

(THE DOCTOR SMILES AT BULIC AND TEGAN)

THE DOCTOR: Excellent timing.

(LOOKS OFF AND SEES THE GAPING ENTRY TO THE VENTILATION SHAFT)

BULIC: I must get the Commander out.

(THE DOCTOR STOPS HIM)

THE DOCTOR: Impossible! They need him in there ... you'd never make it.

BULIC: I must at least try!

THE DOCTOR: Not here, not now.

(BULIC STARES AT HIM. THEN NODS.

THEY MOVE OVER TO THE SHAFT)

18. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(SEA DEVIL PACING
OUTSIDE THE
DETENTION AREA.

HE PAUSES AND
PEERS IN THROUGH
THE INSPECTION
PLATE.

THE SEA DEVIL
REACTS.

HE PRESSES A STUDDED
BUTTON ON HIS BELT)

SAUVIX VOICE: Speak.

19. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. VENTILATION SHAFT.

(THE DOCTOR, TEGAN
AND BULIC MOVING
THROUGH THE SHAFT.

THE DOCTOR PAUSES
EYEING THE SHAFT.
AN IDEA FORMING)

BULIC: Hurry Doctor ...!

THE DOCTOR: This shaft extends throughout the base doesn't it?

BULIC: (NODS) Except the radiation bunkers, why?

THE DOCTOR: We're not quite so helpless as I thought.

20. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(VORSHAK, ITCHAR
AND SECOND COMPANION
BY THE MASTER
CONSOLE.

FIRST COMPANION
BY THE SYNCH
CONSOLE.

THE DOOR BURSTS
OPEN AND SAUVIX
AND A SEA DEVIL
COME IN)

SAUVIX: The primitives have escaped.

ICTHAR: Explain.

SAUVIX: They got out through the ventilation shaft. My warriors are searching for them now.

(ICTHAR LOOKS
ABOUT)

ICTHAR: The Doctor! (cont ...)

(MOVES TO THE
COMPUTER BANK
BAY AND THROWS
THE DOOR OPEN.

LOOKS ABOUT, SEES
THE GAPING ENTRY
TO THE SHAFT, AND
MOVES BACK.

VORSHAK SMILES GRIMLY)

ICTHAR: (TO VORSHAK) The Doctor's Tardis is aboard the base?

(VORSHAK REMAINS SILENT)

(TO SAUVIX) Send warriors to guard it. And find him - find the Doctor.

(SAUVIX SALUTES AND LEAVES WITH THE WARRIOR)

21. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. VENTILATION SHAFT.

(THE DOCTOR, TEGAN
AND BULIC MOVING
ALONG)

22. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(TURLOUGH AND PRESTON
HEAR DISTANT
MUFFLED NOISE OF
FIRING.

THEY LOOK AT
EACH OTHER ANXIOUSLY)

TURLOUGH: The Sea Warriors are mopping up survivors.

PRESTON: Or your friends. Either way, shouldn't we help?

23. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. VENTILATION SHAFT.

(THE DOCTOR, TEGAN AND BULIC COME TO THE END OF THE SHAFT WHERE IT DIPS DOWN IN A VERTICAL DROP)

BULIC: This is as far as we go.

(HE CRAWLS TO THE GRILLE AND PRESSES AGAINST IT.

IT COMES FREE AND BULIC CLIMBS OUT.

A SHOT RINGS OUT DISTORTED BY THE CONFINED SPACE OF THE SHAFT.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS BACK.

SEA DEVILS ARE MOVING INTO VIEW WAY BACK ALONG THE SHAFT)

THE DOCTOR: Out Tegan!

(TEGAN CLIMBS OUT INTO THE CORRIDOR.

ANXIOUSLY THE DOCTOR GLANCES BACK AT HIS PERSUERS)

24. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR
CLIMBING OUT.

MORE FIRING IN
THE SHAFT)

TEGAN: Hurry Doctor!

(THE DOCTOR SQUIRMS
THROUGH AND DROPS
DOWN.

THEY ARE ABOUT
TO MOVE OFF WHEN
A LIFT OPENS
NEARBY AND TWO
SEA DEVILS RUSH
OUT, WEAPONS RAISED.

THEY SEE THE
DOCTOR'S GROUP AND
COVER THEM.

TEGAN GOES TO
RUN OFF BUT IS
STOPPED BY THE
DOCTOR.

THE SEA DEVILS
RAISE THEIR WEAPONS
TO FIRE.

AS THEY DO, TURLOUGH
AND PRESTON SPRING
INTO VIEW.

THEY FIRE AND
THE SEA DEVILS DROP.

TURLOUGH MOVES UP
TO JOIN THEM)

BULIC: We'd better lose
ourselves Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: The chemical store?

BULIC: This way.

(THEY MOVE UP TO THE LIFT AND ENTER.

A BEAT AND IT BEGINS TO DESCEND)

25. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(SAUVIX AND THREE SEA DEVILS RUNNING DOWN A CORRIDOR.

THEY ROUND A CORNER AND PAUSE, REACTING TO THE SIGHT OF THE DEAD WARRIORS)

SAUVIX: (RANTS) Find them! Find them!

26. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CHEMICAL STORE.

(THE DOCTOR, TEGAN, TURLOUGH, PRESTON AND BULIC EMERGE CAUTIOUSLY INTO THE STORE.

THE DOCTOR PAUSES)

TURLOUGH: Aren't we going to the Tardis?

THE DOCTOR: Icthar is bound to have it watched.

TEGAN: I don't fancy playing hide and seek with the Sea Devils.

THE DOCTOR: We have work to do Tegan.

(THE DOCTOR MOVES TO EXAMINE THE LABELLING ON THE CYLINDERS OF CHEMICALS)

THE DOCTOR: (TO TURLOUGH) Watch the door.

TEGAN: What are you looking for?

THE DOCTOR: (TAPS CYLINDER) An alternative to this if possible.

TEGAN: That hexa-cromite stuff?

THE DOCTOR: Yes-something less lethal. That could do the job just as well.

27. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(SAUVIX ENTERS)

SAUVIX: No sign of them. But the Doctor's Tardis is under guard and all exits from the base are sealed.

ICTHAR: Continue the search...And do not return until they are destroyed.

(SAUVIX NODS AND GOES)

28. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CHEMICAL STORE.

(THE DOCTOR SWIFTLY EXAMINING LABELS ON THE CHEMICAL CYLINDERS.

TURLOUGH KEEPING WATCH BY THE DOOR)

BULIC: What are you up to Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: (SEARCHING) Not so much me. It's more what our Silurian friends have in mind!

PRESTON: You spoke to them?

THE DOCTOR: Oh yes. All in all they were quite forthcoming. In fact, they intend to launch your missiles and trigger the war to end all wars. Between your people, of course.

BULIC: Impossible! They can't...

THE DOCTOR: They can and they will...unless we find some way to stop them.

TURLOUGH: (URGENT) Doctor!

(ALL TENSE.

TURLOUGH CLOSES THE DOOR AND GESTURES FOR THEM TO HIDE.

THEY DISPERSE CONCEALING THEMSELVES.

A BEAT, FOOTSTEPS, AND THE DOOR CRASHES OPEN.

A SEA DEVIL ENTERS.

THE DOCTOR PRESSES BACK.

AS HE DOES HIS FOOT KNOCKS AGAINST A PIECE OF METAL SENDING IT ROLLING OFF.

THE SEA DEVIL REACTS.

MOVES FORWARD, SEES THE DOCTOR AND RAISES THE WEAPON TO FIRE.

THE DOCTOR SWIFTLY DUCKS AS THE SEA DEVIL FIRES.

THE SHOT MISSES BUT HITS A CYLINDER WHICH PUNCTURES.

CHEMICAL VAPOUR, UNDER PRESSURE, JETS OUT TO ENVELOPE THE SEA DEVIL.

HIS HANDS GO TO HIS GILLS AS HE GASPS AND FALLS)

TEGAN: What happened?

THE DOCTOR: He's dead. The Hexa-Cromite...It does that to all forms of marine life.

29. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(AS BEFORE.

ICTHAR PACING.

VORSHAK TENSE.

A SUDDEN ALARM
NOISE ERUPTS.

ALL EYES GO TO
THE SCREEN.

THE READOUT BAND
IS FLASHING.

IT READS:

MISSILE ALERT)

30. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CHEMICALS STORE.

(THE DOCTOR'S GROUP
REACTING TO THE
SOUND OF THE ALARM)

BULIC: (QUIET) Missile alert. Then we must use -

(THE ALARM CUTS)

THE DOCTOR: The Hexa-cromite after all...

TEGAN: What's happening?

THE DOCTOR: (TO BULIC) Countdown alert?

(BULIC NODS)

How long usually?

BULIC: Fifteen minutes, more or less. It's a random process.

TURLOUGH: Why so long?

BULIC: Checks and balances Turlough. To avert electronic error.

TURLOUGH: And human error?

BULIC: Our synch operators are linked directly to the computer. Combined, human error is, in theory, eliminated.

PRESTON: (TO THE DOCTOR) Can we stop the launch Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: You should know better than me...come on - help me.

(HE BEGINS TO HAUL OUT CYLINDER)

31. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

SECOND COMPANION: The missiles are armed and targetted.

ICTHAR: Connect the manipulator to the synch operators terminals.

(FIRST COMPANION OPERATES SWITCHES ON THE MANIPULATOR.

IT BEGINS TO HUM.

INSTANTLY THE SYNCH CONSOLE AREA FLOODS WITH LIGHT.

FIRST COMPANION: Contact.

32. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CHEMICAL STORE.

(THE DOCTOR LAYS
DOWN THE CYLINDER)

PRESTON: You intend to use that against the Silurians?

THE DOCTOR: You've seen what it does. If nothing else, it will take their minds off those missiles.

TURLOUGH: How?

THE DOCTOR: We circulate it in the ventilation shaft.

(THEY START TO
MAN-HANDLE A
CYLINDER TOWARDS
THE VENTILATION
SHAFT)

33. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(ICTHAR WATCHING
THE GREEN ALERT
READOUT)

VORSHAK: It won't work Silurian. The computer's on another simulated launch. It can't be overridden. It can't.

ICTHAR: We shall see.

34. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CHEMICAL STORE.

(PRESTON AND TEGAN HAVE REMOVED THE GRILLE OFF THE VENTILATION SHAFT.

THE DOCTOR COMES OVER WITH A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WHICH TRAILS A FLEXIBLE CONNECTING HOSE.

TURLOUGH WATCHES THE DOOR.

THE DOCTOR HANDS THE BUSINESS END OF THE DEVICE TO PRESTON WHO PLACES IT IN THE SHAFT.

THE END OF THE FLEXIBLE HOSE HE BEGINS TO CONNECT TO THE CYLINDER.

A SHORT WARNING BLEEP HEARD.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS AT BULIC)

BULIC: We've gone to yellow alert.

THE DOCTOR: Hurry!

(HE FEVERISHLY CONTINUES CONNECTING UP THE FLEXIBLE HOSE TO THE CYLINDER)

35. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(TENSION ON THE
BRIDGE.

ALL EYES ON THE
FLASHING READOUT
BAND WHICH INDICATES
YELLOW ALERT)

36. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CHEMICAL STORE.

(THE DOCTOR FINISHES CONNECTING UP THE HOSE)

THE DOCTOR: Switch it on.

(BULIC TURNS A VALVE IN THE MOUTH OF THE SHAFT. THEY HEAR THE HISS OF ESCAPING VAPOUR)

Keep pumping this stuff in to the shaft. At least until I tell you to stop.

(TURNS TO GO)

TEGAN: Where are you going?

THE DOCTOR: To the bridge. Hopefully to convince Icthar to call off the launch.

TEGAN: You think he will?

THE DOCTOR: That vapour will kill him and his people. I don't want that to happen. Not if I can avoid it.

PRESTON: But if the launch takes place before the vapour affects them?

THE DOCTOR: That above all we must prevent.

(THE DOCTOR EXITS)

BULIC: (TO THE OTHERS) Go with him. ... And good luck.

(THEY EXIT)

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38. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(TEGAN, PRESTON
AND TURLOUGH CATCH
UP WITH THE DOCTOR.

A HISSING NOISE
BEHIND THEM AND
THEY SPIN ROUND
TO SEE VAPOUR
MISTING OUT OF A
VENTILATION GRILLE
NEARBY)

39. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(TENSION.

ALL EYES ON THE
READOUT BAND WHICH
STILL FLASHES
YELLOW ALERT.

40. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(VAPOUR MISTING OUT OF A GRILLE.

A GROUP OF SEA DEVILS REELING DRUNKENLY DOWN THE CORRIDOR. THEIR HANDS CLUTCH THEIR GILLS, AND THEIR BREATHING DESPERATELY LABOURED.

THEY BEGIN TO COLLAPSE, THEIR GILLS ENCRUSTED WITH WHITE PATCHING.

A BEAT AND THE DOCTOR'S GROUP COME RUNNING INTO VIEW.

THEY PAUSE AT THE SIGHT OF THE SEA DEVILS)

PRESTON: That chemical seems to have done our work for us Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: It has a long way to travel before it reaches the bridge.

(THEY MOVE ON)

41. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CHEMICAL STORE.

(BULIC HAS MANHANDLED ANOTHER CYLINDER OVER TO THE SHAFT.

HE DISCONNECTS THE EXHAUSTED CYLINDER AND BEGINS TO CONNECT UP THE FLEXIBLE TUBE TO THE NEW ONE)

42. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(RED ALERT FLASHING)

VORSHAK: No!

ICTHAR: Fetch him.

(VORSHAK IS DRAGGED FORWARD BY THE SEA DEVIL GUARDS AND BROUGHT TO THE MASTER CONSOLE)

VORSHAK: I will not be responsible for the destruction of my own kind!

(HIS HAND IS PRESSED INTO THE IMPRINT RECESS.

A BLEEP AND IMMEDIATELY THE SCREEN CLEARS TO SHOW THE BULSING TARGET OVERLAY, THE MISSILE DOTS FLASHING AT THE CENTRE.

VORSHAK IS HURLED ASIDE)

ICTHAR: A few more moments primitive and your kind will find the oblivion they deserve.

43. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(THEY DOCTOR'S GROUP
ROUND A CORNER.

AHEAD LIES THE
BRIDGE)

44. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(ICTHAR MOVES UP
TO THE MANIPULATOR
ON THE SYNCH CONSOLE.

HE GLANCES UP AT
THE READOUT BAND.

AS HE DOES IT CHANGES
TO READ -

'MISSILES READY TO FIRE'.

ICTHAR'S HAND GOES TO THE
LEVER ON THE
MANIPULATOR.

C.U. THE GRILLE TO THE
VENTILATION SHAFT.
NOTHING FOR A BEAT, THEN
VAPOUR BEGINS TO HISS
INTO THE BRIDGE COMPLEX)

45. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR'S GROUP
MOVE UP TO THE BRIDGE
AND BURST INSIDE)

46. INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

(ICTHAR AND THE OTHERS REACT TO THE ENTRY OF THE DOCTOR'S GROUP.

THE SEA DEVIL GUARDS RAISE THEIR WEAPONS.

TENSE STANDOFF, THE DOCTOR'S EYES TAKING IN THE READOUT WHICH FLASHES, MISSILES READY TO FIRE)

ICTHAR: Disarm them!

(A SEA DEVIL MOVES FORWARD TO TAKE AWAY PRESTON'S AND TURLOUGH'S WEAPONS)

You are just in time to witness the launch Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Wait ... Your Warriors are dying. Abandon the base.

ICTHAR: You must take me for a fool.

THE DOCTOR: Check for yourself.

ICTHAR: (TO SECOND COMPANION) Contact Sauvix.

(SECOND COMPANION
PRESSES A STUD
ON HIS BELT.

A CONTINUOUS
BLEEP HEARD.

HE CUTS THE
SIGNAL)

SECOND COMPANION: Sauvix's life has been terminated.

(ICTHAR LOOKS
AT THE DOCTOR)

THE DOCTOR: (URGENT) Abandon the launch there's still time to save your own lives.

ICTHAR: There are millions more ready to replace us.

THE DOCTOR: Who will replace you? With you dies the last of the Triad, the custodians of your race. What will become of your people then?

ICTHAR: (TO GUARDS) Kill them!

(SEA DEVILS RAISE
THEIR WEAPONS TO
FIRE.

THEN SUDDENLY REEL,
CLUTCHING THEIR
GILLS)

Kill them!

(THE SEA DEVILS
DROP THEIR
WEAPONS AND
COLLAPSE)

THE DOCTOR: (SADLY) Too late.

(ICTHAR STARES AT HIM WILDLY, THEN HE AND FIRST COMPANION GET A WHIFF OF THE VAPOUR AND STAGGER)

ICTHAR: (GASPING) Begin ignition!

(FIRST COMPANION WITH DIFFICULTY PRESSES THE SWITCH ON THE SYNCH CONSOLE.

A WARNING BLEEP IS HEARD.

THE MANIPULATOR BEGINS TO PULSE)

FIRST COMPANION: (GASPING) Missiles set ...

(GASPS AND COLLAPSES.

THE DOCTOR GOES TO MOVE UP TO THE SYNCH CONSOLE.

SECOND COMPANION COMES STAGGERING OVER TO ATTACK HIM)

TEGAN: Doctor! (cont ...)

(THE DOCTOR AVOIDS SECOND COMPANION WHO REELS PAST TO COLLAPSE.

ICTHAR IS SWAYING BY THE MANIPULATOR GASPING, CLOSE TO DEATH.

AS THE DOCTOR
RUSHES UP HE FALLS
TRIPPING THE
LEVER.

THE BLEEP CUTS,
THE MANIPULATOR
SURGES THEN BEGINS
TO PULSE STEADILY.

THE DOCTOR MOVES
IN TO EXAMINE IT)

TEGAN: (cont) Has he done it?

THE DOCTOR: Yes. The missiles are set to fire.

(TO VORSHAK)

How long have we got?

VORSHAK: Less than three minutes.

THE DOCTOR: (URGENT) What's the abort prodecure?

VORSHAK: A phased electrical charge aimed directly at the ignition circuit. It restores the launch to simulation.

THE DOCTOR: It must be done at once!

VORSHAK: Impossible. Only the electronically reinforced human cortex of a synch operator can do it. And Maddox is dead.

THE DOCTOR: Then I shall have to try.

VORSHAK: It takes years to surgically wire and condition a human brain for such a task.

THE DOCTOR: You have a better idea?

VORSHAK: The computer would burn out your mind in seconds.

THE DOCTOR: A human mind perhaps. But I'm from Gallifrey. And more than just distance separate us ... I'll risk it, but I'll need your help.

(A BEAT,
THEN VORSHAK NODS)

VORSHAK: Very well. Get into the seat Doctor.

(THE DOCTOR MOVES
TO SIT IN THE
SYNCH OPERATORS
CHAIR.

We're on final countdown to ignition. (cont ...)

(VORSHAK PRESSES
A SWITCH AND THE
OVERHEAD HEAD PIECE
DESCENDS TO FIT
OVER THE DOCTOR'S
SKULL.

VORSHAK PASSES HIS
HAND OVER A SWITCH)

VORSHAK: (cont) I can perform the manual task of the synch operator, but you will have to do the rest.

(THE DOCTOR NODS)

TEGAN: Good luck.

(HE NODS.

VORSHAK PRESSES
THE SWITCH.

THE TERMINALS
PROTRUDING FROM
THE HEADPICE GLOW
AND BEGIN TO
DEPRESS INTO THE
DOCTOR'S SKULL.

THE DOCTOR'S BODY
STIFFENS.

HE MOANS.

TEGAN GRABS HOLD
OF TURLOUGH'S ARM
AND CLUTCHES IT
FIERCELY.

THE DOCTOR'S EYES
ROLL IN AGONY.
THE TERMINALS CONTINUE
TO DEPRESS UNTIL
THEY CAN GO NO FURTHER.

THE DOCTOR'S BACK
IS ARCHING. THEN
SUDDENLY HE SLUMPS)

It's killing him!

(THE DOCTOR REVIVES.
AN AGONIZED LOOK
AT VORSHAK AND NODS)

VORSHAK: No. His mind is one with the computer.

(TO THE DOCTOR)

I'm now switching you through to the ignition circuits.

VORSHAK PRESSES SWITCH AND STANDS BACK)

We've isolated the ignition circuit, Doctor. Can you identify it? Nod if you identify.

(THE DOCTOR'S EYES CLOSE AS HE NODS)

I will now feed in the charge ...

(ON VORSHAK THE OTHERS WATCHING THE AGONIZED DOCTOR SYNCHED UP)

To burn it out, concentrates and direct it. But be careful.

(ON THE DOCTOR'S EYES)

It must be in phase with the pulse of the circuit. If not it will destroy you. Nod if you comprehend. (cont...)

(THE DOCTOR NODS.

ON VORSHAK HIS FACE SCREWED UP IN TENSION. HE REACHES OUT AND HITS A SWITCH.

THE DOCTOR'S BODY ARCHES. ELECTRICAL ENERGY CRACKLES BETWEEN THE TERMINALS OF THE HEAD PIECE.

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ON THE DOCTOR'S EYES.

TWO PIN POINTS OF ENERGY FORM IN THE IRIS' OF HIS EYES. THE POINTS GROW IN SIZE AND INTENSITY)

VORSHAK: (cont) (OOV) Now Doctor!

(THE ENERGY POINTS SIMULTANEOUSLY ARC OUT TO TRANSFIX THE OSCILLATING CIRCUIT.

THE CIRCUIT FLARES AND BURNS.

ON THE GROUP. THEY SEE THE ENERGY CRACKLE BETWEEN THE HEADPIECE TERMINALS FLARE AND DIE.

A BEAT.

THE HEADPIECE BEGINS TO RISE AUTOMATICALLY.

RELEASED THE
DOCTOR SLUMPS
FORWARD.

TEGAN AND TURLOUGH
RUSH FORWARD
TO EXAMINE HIM.

TEGAN LIFTS HIS
FACE.

THE DOCTOR'S FACE
ROUND THE AREA
OF THE EYES IS
BLACKENED AND
SINGED.

HIS EYES OPEN AND
HE MOANS)

TEGAN: He's alive.

(VORSHAK MOVES
TO LOOK AT THE
DIGITAL COUNTER.

IT'S COUNTING OFF
THE LAST COUPLE OF
SECONDS. IT HITS
ZERO AND SUDDENLY
A RUMBLING NOISE
IS HEARD AND THE
BRIDGE VIBRATES.

THE DOCTOR STAGGERS
UP AND COMES FORWARD
ALMOST COLLAPSING)

THE DOCTOR: (WEAK) Did it ...

VORSHAK: (DOUBTFULLY) The launch effects for simulation and a real firing are the same.

(THEY LOOK AT
THE SCREEN. THE
MISSILES DOTS
ARE STREAKING
OUT ALONG THEIR
RADIATING
TARGET LINES.

TEGAN, TURLOUGH
AND OTHERS CROWD
FORWARD TO WATCH.

THE RUMBLING
EASES.

THEIR EYES GLUE
TO THE MISSILE DOTS
STREAKING ALONG
THEIR TRACKWAYS
ON THE SCREEN.

TENSION UNBEARABLE.

A FEW BEATS THEN
THE MISSILE DOTS
SUDDENLY BLIP
OFF THE SCREEN.

A BLEEP AND THE
READOUT BAND
CHANGES TO READ:

'SIMULATED MISSLE RUN'

THIS CLEARS TO READ:

'ALL CLEAR'.

THE OTHERS TURN
TO THE DOCTOR,
EXTREME DELIGHT
ON THEIR FACES.

THE DOCTOR IS
WEAK, BUT TRIUMPHANT)

SUPOSE CAM

End
Credits:

FADE OUT